

[Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 with the following:]

12 According to one embodiment of this invention, the second elastic members respectively have second opposite ends and second intermediate portions extending between the second opposite ends, respectively, and the second opposite ends are positioned and fixed at second zones defined immediately inside the bonding zones in respective circumferential directions of the leg-openings.

[Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following:]

13 According to another embodiment of this invention, at least one third elastic member lying below the first elastic members and being stretchable in the circumferential direction of the waist-opening is attached under tension to at least one of the first and second waist regions between the peripheral edge of the waist-opening and the peripheral edges of the leg-openings and wherein the third elastic member has third opposite ends and third intermediate portions extending between the third opposite ends and the third opposite ends are positioned and fixed at third zones defined immediately inside the bonding zones in the circumferential direction of the waist-opening.

[Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 with the following:]

14 According to still another embodiment of this invention, a peel strength between the first and second waist regions in the bonding zones is in a range of 4 ~ 40 N with respect to 25 mm, a longitudinal dimension of the bonding zone.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following:

15 The elastic members 8 associated with the waist-opening have their longitudinally opposite ends 8a (first opposite ends) lying in the transversely opposite side edge portions 1a of the front and rear waist regions 20, 22 and an intermediate portions 8b (first intermediate portion)

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extending between the respective opposite ends 8a. The respective opposite ends 8a are positioned in zones B2 defined immediately inside the respective bonding zones B1 in the circumferential direction X. The elastic members 8 are disposed between the top- and backsheets 2, 3 with their respective opposite ends 8a partially fixed to inner surfaces of these sheets 2, 3 in the respective zones B2 by means of adhesive 10 and with their intermediate portions 8b intermittently fixed to inner surfaces of these sheets 2, 3 by means of adhesive 11. -

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Please replace the second paragraph beginning on page 8 and continuing on page 9 with the following:

- The elastic members 9 associated with each of the leg-openings have longitudinally opposite ends 9a (second opposite ends) lying in the transversely opposite side edge portions 1a of the front and rear waist regions 20, 22, respectively, and intermediate portions 9b (second intermediate portion) extending between the opposite ends 9a. The opposite ends 9a are positioned in zones B3 defined immediately inside the respective bonding zones B1 in the circumferential direction Y. The elastic members 9 are disposed between the top- and backsheets 2, 3 with their respective opposite ends 9a partially fixed to inner surfaces of these sheets 2, 3 in the respective zones B3 by means of adhesive 12 and with their intermediate portions 9b intermittently fixed to the inner surfaces of these sheets 2, 3 by means of adhesive 13. -

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Please replace the first full paragraph on page 12 with the following:

- The front and rear waist regions 20, 22 of the diaper 1 are provided with, in addition to the elastic members 8 associated with the waist-opening (first elastic members) and the elastic members 9 associated under the leg-openings, a plurality of auxiliary elastic members 14 (third elastic members) that are positioned and fixed under tension to the diaper 1 below the elastic members associated with the waist-opening so as to extend in its circumferential direction X.

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A5 The auxiliary elastic members 14 are attached to the front and rear waist regions 20, 22 and extend across the core 4 in the circumferential direction X of the waist-opening.

Please replace the fourth paragraph beginning on page 13 and continuing on page 14 with the following:

- The opposite ends 8a, 9a, 14a of the respective elastic members 8, 9, 14 are absent in the bonding zones B1 and therefore a factor which will resist tearing off of the diaper 1 along the bonding zones B1 is only a peel strength of the adhesive in these bonding zones B1. The diaper 1 shown by Fig. 4 is similar to the diaper 1 shown by Fig. 1 in that the peel strength in the bonding zone B1 is in a range of 4 ~ 40 N/25 mm of the bonding zone B1 as measured longitudinally thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable pull-on undergarment comprising:
- first and second waist regions opposed to each other; a crotch region extending between said first and second waist regions;
 - bonding zones connecting said first and second waist regions to one another, and extending along transversely opposite side edge portions of said first and second waist regions so as to define a waist-opening and a pair of leg-openings;
 - first elastic members bonded under tension to a peripheral edge of the waist-opening and being stretchable circumferentially of said first and second waist regions; and
 - second elastic members bonded under tension to peripheral edges of the leg-openings and being stretchable circumferentially of said leg-openings,
 - said first elastic members each having first opposite ends and intermediate portions extending between said first opposite ends, said first opposite ends being positioned and fixed